

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 949

Introduced by Assembly Member Coto

February 18, 2005

An act to add Section 46163 to the Education Code, relating to schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 949, as introduced, Coto. Instructional time: alternative schools.

(1) Existing law requires the minimum schoolday in a high school to be 240 minutes, but authorizes the governing board of a school district to schedule classes so that each pupil attends classes for at least 1,200 minutes during any 5-schoolday period, thereby authorizing a pupil to attend school for less than the total number of days in which the school is in session during a week so long as he or she attends the required number of minutes.

This bill would require a school district operating an alternative attendance schedule in any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, pursuant to that authorization, to offer instructional time totaling 64,800 minutes per school year, and require pupils to attend classes for that amount of time. To the extent that this requirement would impose additional duties on a school district, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state,

reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 46163 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:
3 46163. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a pupil in
4 any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, attending classes pursuant to a
5 schedule adopted under the authority of this article, shall attend
6 classes for at least 64,800 minutes per school year, and a school
7 district shall offer instruction to conform to this requirement.
8 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
9 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
10 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
11 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
12 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.